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Re: Southern California Association of Governments
FY 02/03-04/05 FTIP Amendment 10

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 10 of the Southern California Association of Governments' 2002/2003-2007/2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

We find that this TIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). The project of this TIP Amendment is categorically exempt from a regional air quality analysis and does not affect SCAG's existing air quality conformity determination.

This letter also constitutes approval of the amended SCAG TIP for inclusion in California's 2002/2003 to 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

cc: Steven Barhite, EPA